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ON NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

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1. DEPT REGRETS THAT IT MUST CONFIRM INSTRUCTION TO VOTE
AGAINST BELGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF C) IF IT IS BROUGHT
TO VOTE. WHILE WE CAN ENDORSE TACTIC OF ATTEMPTING TO PRE-
EMPT THE FIELD FROM MORE RADICAL LDCS, BELGIANS HAVE DE-
VISED A TEXT WHICH IS EquALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US IN CERTAIN
KEY PROVISIONS. FACED WITH THIS SITUATION, US INTERESTS
WOULD BEST BE SERVED WERE BELGIANS TO WITHDRAW THEIR RESO-
LUTION AND IF NEGATIVE STANCE OF MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
WERE REFLECTED IN VOTE ON LDC DRAFT CONTAINED REF B. (SEE
DISCUSSION SECTION OF POSITION PAPER FOR COUNTRIES, INCLUD-
ING BELGIUM, WHICH HAVE ABSTAINED OR VOTED NO ON RESOLU-
TIONS DEALING WITH DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION IN
OTHER FORUMS.)

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2. DELEGATION ALSO INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST LDC DRAFT

SUBMITTED REF B. FOLLOWING ARE OUR MAJOR OBJECTIONS:

OP PARA 1: WORDS "WITH SATISFACTION" CONNOTE CERTAIN
DEGREE OF APPROVAL AND ARE THUS UNACCEPTABLE TO US. DEL

AUTHORIZED TO CONCUR IN "TAKING NOTE" OF DG'S REPORT.

OP PARA 2: AS NOTED IN POSITION PAPER, US DOES NOT APPROVE
PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN DECLARATION. THIS PARA SHOULD ALSO
MAKE RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE TO MOST OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES.

OP PARA 3: WE DO NOT AGREE THAT WORK OF ANY UN BODY SHOULD
BE "GUIDED BY" PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN DECLARATION.

OP PARA 5: (A) IN LIST OF CONCEPTS WHICH SHOULD FORM
BASIS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (SUBPARA 1),
CALL FOR "EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
IN THE FORMULATION...OF ALL DECISIONS" IS UNACCEPTABLE.
THIS IS FAVORITE LDC THEME, AIMED AT VOTING ARRANGEMENTS
IN IMF AND IBRD AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN WHICH
WEIGHTED VOTING WORKS TO ADVANTAGE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
CORRESPONDING PHRASE IN DECLARATION IS "FULL AND EFFECTIVE
PARTICIPATION ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY OF ALL COUNTRIES IN
THE SOLVING OF WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS..." DCS ACCEPTED
THIS LANGUAGE DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON UNDERSTANDING IT
REFERRED TO JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES.

(B) WE DO NOT AGREE WITH SUBPARA 2 THAT UNESCO'S
PROGRAM SHOULD BE ORIENTED, ADAPTED AND STRENGTHENED "IN
LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION."

3. ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMENTS BASED ON DEPARTMENT'S
UNDERSTANDING THAT DRAFTS WILL NOT BE SUBJECT OF EXTENDED
NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT REACHING CONSENSUS ON EXTENSIVELY
MODIFIED TEXTS. IF DEL FORESEES SUCH A SITUATION ARISING,
IT SHOULD FEEL FREE TO REQUEST DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON
POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TEXTS, PREFERRED LANGUAGE FOR PARAS
NOT ALREADY COMMENTED ON, ETC. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC, HOW-
EVER, THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE SUCCESSFUL, GIVEN
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